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UNSC 1540 COMMITTEE'S MANDATE

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 $\underline{\mathbf{1}}$ 1. (U) This message is sensitive but unclassified, and not for Internet distribution.

- 12. (SBU) Emboff made reftel points April 18 to Minister Carlos Hernandez of the MFA's Office of International Security, Nuclear, and Space Affairs. Hernandez replied April 22, saying that Argentina's UN Mission in New York is ready to cooperate with strengthening the mandate of the UNSC 1540 Committee and extending it for five years. Hernandez downplayed Argentina's possible role in the effort to get other countries on board, but he did say that Argentina will engage with other Latin American countries (he specifically mentioned Panama) to that end.
- 13. (SBU) Hernandez suggested that USUN should get in touch with Claudia Corti, who will be Argentina's point person for the issue in New York.
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